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FISHING TECHNIQUES AND ANNUAL PRODUCTION OF THE FISHERMEN OF NORTHERN CHILE

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According to interviews conducted with Chilean fishermen in the coastal city of Arica, there exists an extreme economic difference among 3 types of fishermen. Despite the impact of *El Nino* upon the environment, the *Artesano* (3rd level) fishermen claimed that the causal factor in their current inability to achieve high fish yields was the result of overfishing on the part of the Industrial fishing corporation. To better examine this claim I will present data on some of the fishing techniques that are utilized by each of the three types of fishermen. Secondly, I will compare the techniques with data obtained from a fishing organization, which is responsible for gathering statistical data on fish production.